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Applicant: Gitis et al.

Assignee: Maxtor Corporation

Title: MAGNETIC HEAD SLIDER WITH RESISTANCE TO DEBRIS  
ACCUMULATION

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## RESPONSE

In response to the Decision on Appeal mailed on September 29, 2004 (and re-mailed on November 15, 2004), please amend the application as follows.

The Claim Amendments begin on page 2.

The Remarks begin at page 3.

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1           1. (Currently Amended) A recording head for reading and writing information with  
2   respect to a rotating disk medium, said head including a pad having a working surface which  
3   contacts said medium during the reading/writing process, a magnetic pole tip structure being  
4   embedded within said pad, wherein said pad ~~has~~having a leading edge and a trailing edge with  
5   said leading edge facing in the general direction of relative motion between said head and said  
6   medium, said pad has a V-shape with the narrow part of said V-shape pointing in said direction,  
7   and ~~wherein~~ said leading edge has a narrower width than said trailing edge.

2-69. (Cancelled)

## REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending. In this Response, claim 1 has been amended and claims 2-69 have been cancelled.

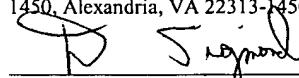
### I. CLAIMS

The Decision on Appeal reversed the rejection of claim 2. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to rewrite claim 2 in independent form. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable.

### II. CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

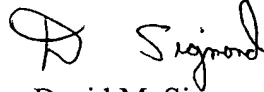
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